

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MS. LORI MOSELEY

HON. MARIO DIAZ-BALART

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Lori Moseley, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported South Florida and the City of Miramar.

Ms. Moseley relocated to South Florida in 1978. Her civic involvement began when her children were school-aged and she volunteered in the classroom. This sparked a desire to work with and improve the education system. She joined the Parent Advisory Council at Fairway Elementary School, and was later elected as the South Area Advisory Chairperson. In recognition of her commitment to the community, she was awarded the Crystal Apple Award. Her dedication to improving education remained constant through her public service.

Ms. Moseley was first elected to office in 1995 as a Commissioner for the City of Miramar. She served in that role until 1999. In 1999, she was elected to her current office as Mayor of the City of Miramar. Since day one, Mayor Moseley has been a strong advocate for education and working to improve the City's image. During her term, the city's population tripled from 40,000 to over 120,000 residents. She has also improved and expanded roadway systems, mass transit, and community centers. Her public service was recognized in 2012 when she received the Women in Municipal Government Leadership Award.

Ms. Moseley's service continues with her membership in the Broward League of Cities (Past President), the Florida League of Cities (2nd Vice President), Florida League of Mayors (President), National League of Cities, and the US Conference of Mayors (Chair of the Women Mayors' Caucus).

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Ms. Lori Moseley for her continued service to South Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF NORTHWEST FLORIDA'S BE-
LOVED JIM C. BAILEY

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

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Mr. MILLER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the life and service of Northwest Florida's beloved Jim C. Bailey, who passed away on March 19, 2013. Throughout his long and distinguished career in academia and civil service, Mr. Bailey served as a mentor and an inspiration to countless individuals throughout Northwest Florida. He was a great man and an unparalleled public servant.

Mr. Jim Bailey was born on March 24, 1933. He married the love of his life, Patsy McClellan Bailey. They spent 53 dedicated and loving years together and raised 2 daughters, Jamie and Jena.

Mr. Bailey worked for Monsanto Corporation for 31 years before beginning a 22-year career in public service. During his tenure as the Representative for Escambia County School Board District 1, Mr. Bailey's commitment to the citizens of Northwest Florida never wavered. For 13 of his 22 years as a member of the School Board, he served as Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Board. Mr. Bailey devoted himself wholeheartedly to his profession, and he played an important role in improving the school district.

Mr. Bailey's efforts and commitment to serving the people of Escambia County did not go unnoticed. He was honored with a Resolution on the floor of the Florida State Senate and was recognized by the Florida School Board Association for Outstanding Boardmanship. Perhaps the greatest recognition was the dedication of the Jim C. Bailey Park at Hellen Caro Elementary School and Jim C. Bailey Middle School, both located in Pensacola, Florida and named to honor his outstanding service to our community.

Northwest Florida, the Escambia County School Board, and the many students and teachers whose lives were touched by Mr. Bailey, mourn the loss of a man of devotion and unwavering compassion. His contributions and service to the community will forever be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to honor the exemplary life of Mr. Jim C. Bailey. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers to his wife, Pat; daughters, Jamie and Jenna; grandchildren, Jimmy, Joshua, Anna, Claire and Adrian; and his entire family. He will be truly missed by all.

HONORING SISTER MAUREEN
KELLEHER

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Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of Women's History month I rise today to honor Ms. Maureen Kelleher, an outstanding individual and someone who has continuously supported the immigrant community in Southwest Florida.

Sister Kelleher is a consultant attorney to the Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice, and gives legal assistance and training to its immigration staff. Her law practice focuses on obtaining legal permanent residency for immigrants in the farming sector from Mexico, Guatemala, and Haiti. Her priorities also include representation of abused immigrant women and children, victims of crime, and applicants for temporary protective status.

After completing law school in 1984, Sister Kelleher worked in Immokalee for Florida

Rural Legal Services until 1996 when federal law prohibited its legal representation to clients who were neither U.S. citizens nor Legal Permanent Residents. Because many of her clients were applying for political asylum and were not yet legal permanent residents she, along with three other attorneys, began a new non-profit corporation, Florida Immigrant Advocacy Corporation. Today, the organization is known as Americans for Immigrant Justice and has grown to a staff of 38 individuals, with a budget of \$3.5 million. Since its inception in 1996 AI Justice has successfully closed 80,000 cases and has become a national trendsetter in the immigration field.

Sister Kelleher has been consistently recognized for her work from various organizations. In 2001 she received the Florida Association of Women Lawyers Golden Achievement Award. In 2003 she was the recipient of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce's Humanitarian of the Year award. She was also named woman attorney of the year in 2008 by the Collier Women's bar. Currently, she serves as a board member of both the Immokalee Housing and Family Services, and Florida Non-Profit Services.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to pay tribute to Sister Maureen Kelleher for her continued service to Southwest Florida and I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing this remarkable individual.

IN SUPPORT OF SOLVANG'S DEC-
LARATION OF CHILDHOOD CAN-
CER AWARENESS WEEK AND IN
RECOGNITION OF 20 YEARS OF
SERVICE BY THE AMERICAN
CANCER FUND FOR CHILDREN
AND KIDS CANCER CONNECTION

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, March 25, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 20 years of service by the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection and to commemorate the designation of April 7-13 as "Childhood Cancer Awareness Week" within the City of Solvang.

Each year more than 15,000 children are diagnosed with cancer. Far too many have been affected by this disease, and the emotional as well as financial toll it takes on families is significant. Through their unique and compassionate approach, Steven Firestein and his team at the American Cancer Fund for Children and Kids Cancer Connection have eased the burden of this disease for countless families.

Innovative partnerships and projects, like the Magical Caps for kids program and the Courageous Kid recognition award ceremonies, have improved the quality of life for thousands of children across the country. Moreover, the vital psychosocial services that

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